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When I boarded a bus the other day I was sure I had seen the driver somewhere before.

I remembered where when he turned up on my doorstep that evening. He was my husband.

Mrs D. McArdle

Imagine my surprise when I awoke the other morning and it was 9.30. I had over-slept.

I wonder whether any other readers have had this experience?

> Miss L. Howe Newcastle

## Strange Experience

The other night I had a strange experience. I dreamt that I was Charlie Nicholas, the Arsenal and Scotland football star.

Imagine my surprise when I awoke to find that I was.

Charlie Nicholas London

I think the Royal Family are marvellous. They do a wonderful job.

Mrs L. llammond

## Boobs!

Shapely Joanna Jones has got a massive pair of assets.

Said Joanna's mother: "I always knew she would go places - she's certainly got the credentials".

## Melons

Joanna's boyfriend, photographer Tony

Lewis told us that when Joanna goes shopping, she rarely forgets the melons! "She always comes in with a nice pair", he added.

## Knockers

When our reporter called, Joanna's bell was out of order. Lucky thing she had a big pair of knockers!

What a beautiful bottom gorgeous Glenda has in volume 15, No. 7. I hope we'll be seeing more of the same in future issues.

> E. Richards Derby

My 12-year-old daughter is a big fan of recording group Duran Duran. So we are buying her their L.P. for Christmas.

> Mrs I. W. Holdane Berkshire

\* Tell us your most interesting Christmas present story. 15 for the best one received.

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I'm sure your readers are familiar with the expression 'you can't teach an old dog new tricks'.

Well, I'm sure our labrador Goldie would disagree. Even though he isn't particularly old.

Mrs lvy Jones

llow about a picture of some cows?

P. Barker Rotheram



★ Here you are. Let's hear any other suggestions readers have.

## <u>Car</u> Trouble

In a crowded ear park my husband and I were unable to find our ear.

We felt proper fools when, after 3 hours, we remembered we don't have one.

Luckily we both saw the funny side.

Mrs E. Rolands Coventry

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I notice that this issue of Viz costs 35p as opposed to 30p previously.

I am sure that this was unavoidable due to increased production costs. Even at 35p, Viz is still a great buy.

Mr B. Bromley Kent

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¥ Readers letters should be sent to 'Letterbox' at the address on this page. Prizes will be given for each letter published.

## Puss in boot

Car owner Bob Jackson couldn't believe his eyes the day he opened his boot.

For inside, curled up in the corner, he found his pet cat 'Tiddles'.

## Car

"He must have got in while I was washing the car on the drive, and I reversed the car into the garage not realising he was there", he told us afterwards.

## Cat

Remarkably Tiddles the cat was none the worse for wear after his frightening experience.

"It's a lucky thing cats have nine lives", added a relieved Bob after forgiving his mischievous moggy. DOCTOR, I'VE GOT

A STOMACH

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I HATE YOU!
I HATE YOU!

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Players and spectators could hardly believe their eyes when they arrived for a fourth division match in Potizi, Bolivia. For the match referee. Mr Boco Perez, had arrived wearing his shorts back to

A cake factory worker in Argentina was sacked after customers complained of motorbikes in their cakes. Ricardo Gomez later told police how he hed stolen a total of 174 motorcycles and disposed of them by putting them in cakes.

Doctors in Chile could hardly believe their eyes when they examined X-rays of 56 year old traffic warden Enrico Parona. Inside him they found a total of 436 motor cars, weighing no less than 75

A court in Brazil recently fined a rest home owner the equivalent of £25 after hearing how he had sold old age pensioners for pet food.

Alfredo De Falcos told the court he had sold 33 residents to his brother's dug food factory by mistake.





## WE'FIX IT'FOR POP FAN

## WENDY'S DREAM **COMES TRUE!**

**Evening with 'Shaky'** 

for teenage fan

Eighteen-year-old Wendy Thompson couldn't believe her eyes the day she won first prize in a Viz Comic pop competition. For Wendy, who comes from Fulchester, hadn't even entered.

But niether had anyone else, and so Wendy's name was picked out of several thousand listed in a telephone directory. And her prize: A night out with her oop idol, Shakin' Stevens.

"It was a dream come true", she told us after the couple had dined at a top restaurant.

"Afterwards Shaky took me dancing. It was great. An experience I shall never forget", said an excited

"I shall be placing a regular order for Viz in the future", she added.



















MORE OF BIFFA'S CRAZY CAPERS NEXT WEEK



- 1. Name the crew of the first Space Shuttle mission
- 2. How many people watched the event on worldwide T.V.?
- 3. What were their names?
- 4. Complete the following sentence in not more than 12 words.

"I think that the Reagan administration should spend much more money on space research than on aid to third world countries because.... the state of the state of the state of the state of the state of



Left school? No job? No money?

Then fuck off.



GnatWest
THE FRANK BANK



Marmalade the cat almost got himself into a real jam the day he got lost in a biscuit factory.

## PUSSY

For the ginger kitten nearly lost all of his nine lives at once when he feil into a packaging machine. The poor pussy ended up packed in a biscuit tin along with two pounds of custard creams.

#### KITTEN

Shopkeeper Bill Johnson heard the kitten's cries for help as he was stacking biscuits on shelves at his shop in Sheffield.

"He was in remarkably good shape considering what he's been through. He must have survived by eating biscuits".

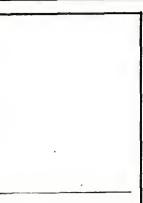
## CAT

Marmalade's owner, Mrs Betty Miles of Carlisle was delighted to get her cat back safe and sound.

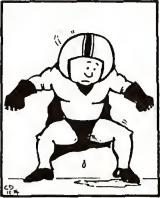
"I should think he's had enough biscuits to last him all of his nine lives", quipped Mrs Miles who will be keeping a closer eye on Marmalade in future.

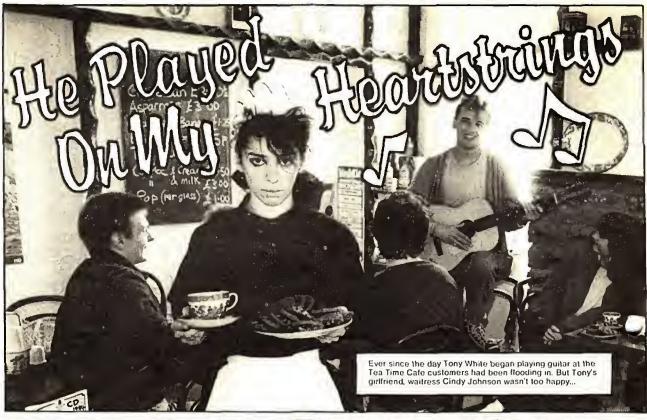


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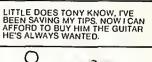














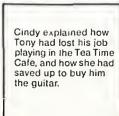
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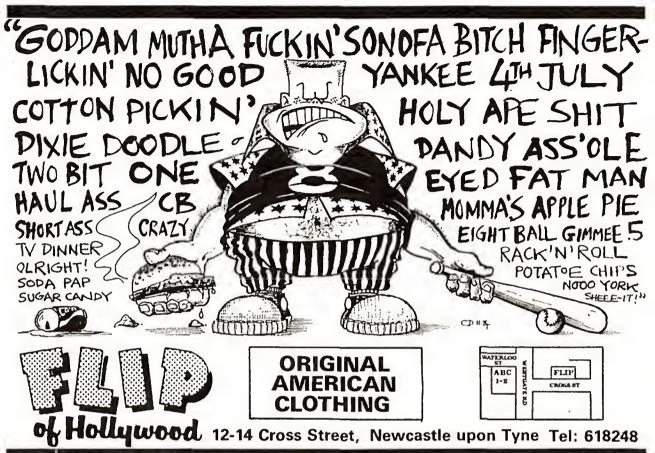




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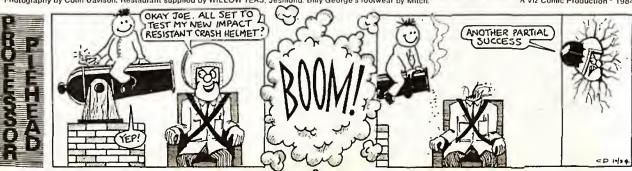


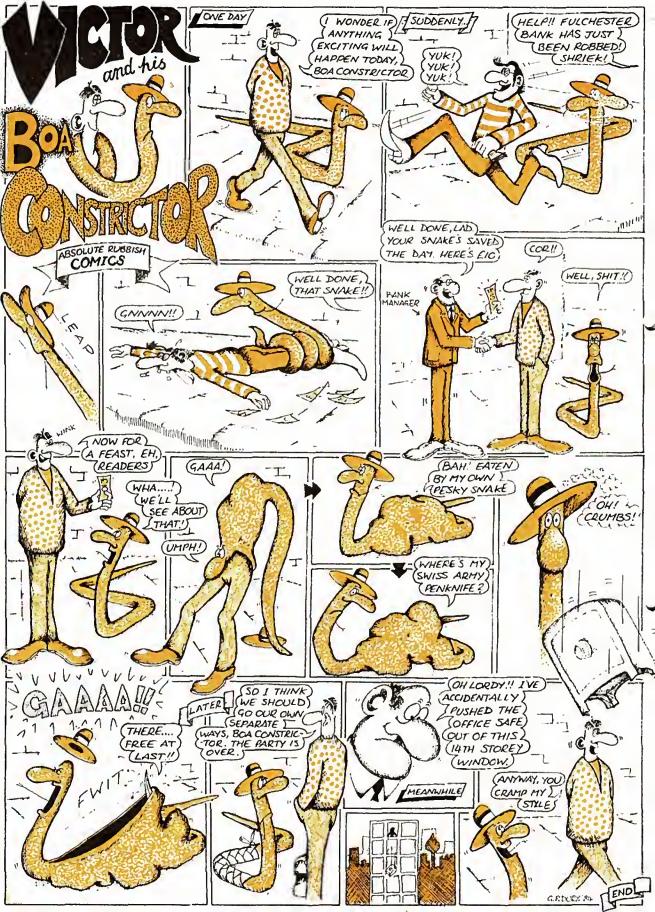


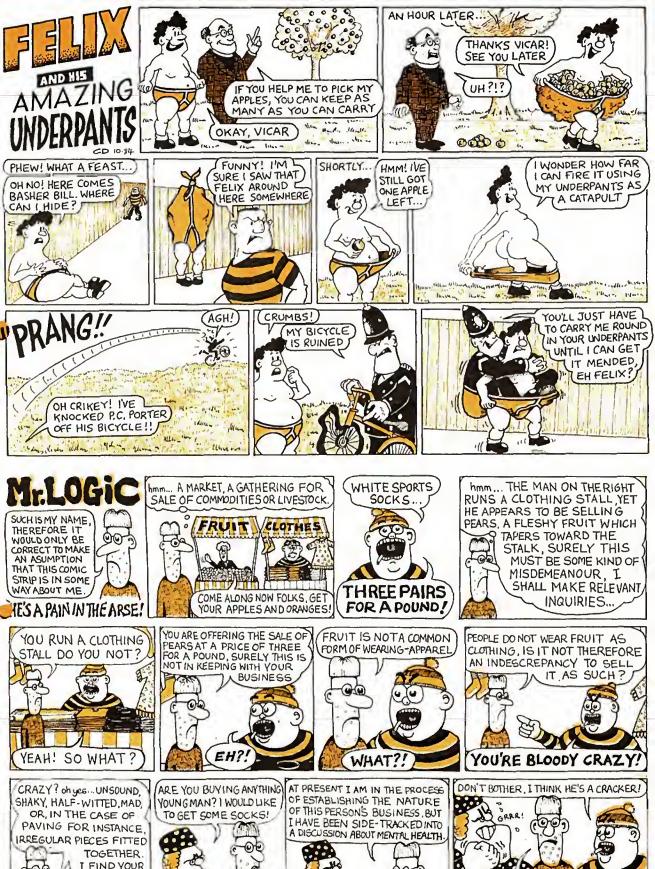


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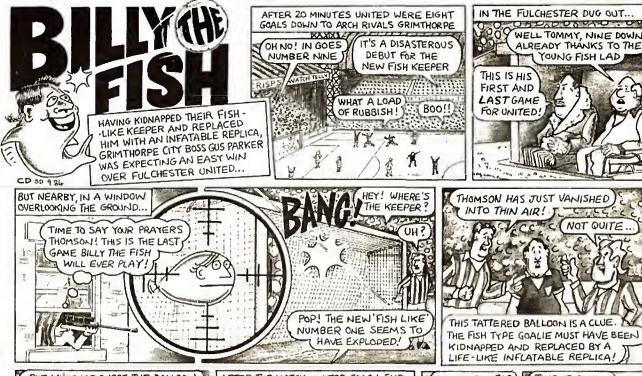






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MEANWHILE GUS PARKER AND A VICTORIOUS GRIMTHORPE SIDE HAD RETURNED TO THEIR TRAINING CAMP WHERE THE REAL BILLY THOMSON REMAINED A

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GRIMTHORPE UNDER ROMANOS EVIL SPELL ? HAS HE PLAYED HIS LAST GAME FOR UNITED? AND WHO IS OUT TO MURDER BILLY THE FISH? FIND OUT IN THE NEXT EPISODE ..

IS BILLY SET

TO PLAY FOR

# BIGIDEA

North East based band DUTCH have decided to think big. For as lead singer Jon explained; "You have to think big if you want to get anywhere these days."

### HAD

Recent events had been going badly for the band, and morale reached an all time low in 1982 when they almost won the televised 'Battle Of The Bands' competition.

"We came second", Jon recalled grimly. "But it was far too close for comfort".



Eventually Jon decided to make the 'big' decision, and his first move was to look for new management. "We went to see Foundry Entertainments in Newcastle and I liked what I saw. They had a big office, big furniture. They even wore big trousers. I could tell they were thinking big, so we signed up".

## WAS

The next step for Dutch was to actually get big.
"We took on a few backing singers, a couple of brass sections, a few pianists and a harp", Jon explained.
"But things didn't work out. There was 26 of us all told, and it was very difficult trying to organise rehearsals".

### AND

So the band reverted to a four piece line up featuring Jon, Ken Thornton, Paul Campbell and Mark Saville, with Anna Ross providing sdditional vocals. But as guitarist Psul is quick to point out, the band are still thinking big.
"We've all bought bigger instruments", he told us.
"And we've added three minutes to the length of all our songs".

# HOSTAGES GO TOP!



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At last! Tyneside's time served tunesmiths THE HOST-AGES have a number one hit! They flew straight into our new TOP TEN at number one with their single 'Going Up In The World'.

## TOP

But it wasn't that long ago that the band's future was looking bleak. For when the single was released on the EMI label in summer, it failed to appear in the Top Forty, as singer Ray Byrne recalled.

## POPS

"We were looking forward to seeing ourselves on Top Of The Pops, but when we ast down to watch it, we weren't even in the charts". After making enquiries the band discovered that to have s hit single several thousand copies of a record must be sold in record shops.

## No.1

"That was when we decided to try the Viz Top Ten", drummer Bryan Sowerby explained. The band acraped together five pounds and sent it in, together with a copy of the record. And that fiver was enough to earn the likeable five piece the coverted Number 1 slot.

Sadly, EMI have since terminated the band's recording contract, but as guitarist Dave Whittaker explained, they don't care. "Wc've got a number one single, and that's all that matters", he told us.

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## NO TOULD BE

As you can see there are only 3 records in this issue's Top Ton. So that leaves plenty of room for YOU to have a Top Ten hit! If you've released a record, simply send us a copy, together with a small sum of money or gift. (No perishable goods please).

Send your record, together with your enclosures to VI2 TOP TEN at the address on page 3.

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## **IS THE 'OLD BOY' OF POP OVER THE TOP?**



## Culture Club on the way out'- claim

Rumours are rife that at 23 sexy singer Boy George is over the hill. And experts believe that his group Culture Club could be on the way out.

## Comment

Yesterday a spokesman for his record company told us that George was unavailable for comment.



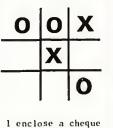
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# Cat in shell shock

Soldiers at the Royal Artillery Regiment had given up hope of finding their mascot 'Sheba' the cat after she had gone missing at their base in West Germany.

That was until observant Gunner Ken Green heard noises coming from an unexploded shell half buried in mud on the target range.

For the adventurous cat had somehow got lost in the regiment's arsenal and had found it's way into a fifty pound artillery shell.

"How she got in there I'll never know", said Sergeant Bill Brown, who looks after the cat.

"Luckily the shell did not explode on impact after it had been fired. Otherwise Sheba would have been a gonner".

Fortunately Sheba was unharmed during her firey experience, if not a little tired.

"Hopefully she'll have learnt her lesson" said Sgt. Brown.

"She must have used eight of her nine lives at once on this occasion", he added.

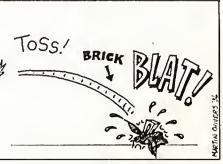


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## Kitchenware visit recipe for disaster

## WHOOPS!

## KANE GANG'S H.P. CASSEROLE LEAVES GROUP IN THE SOUP

Three Sunderland lads will never forget the day they went shopping in Newcastle. For Martin Brammer, Dave Brewis and Paul Woods stumbled upon Kitchenware Records while trying to buy a set of casserole dishes.

#### DISHES

"We saw a sign saying 'Kitchenware' so we just walked in to have a look around. I must have been whistling or something, costhis bloke walked up and offered us a record deal", explained Dave, 27.

But as Paul explained, there had been quite a mix up at the time: "Martin thought he was buying a set of casserole dishes on h.p. so he signed the contract straight away. It was only later when we were told to record a single that we realised we had signed a record deal".

### BOWLS

According to their contract the luckless trio had only 2 weeks in which to record a single.

"It was quite a shock", Dave explained. "None of us had any kind of musical background. We had to go out, buy instruments, and then after a couple of days we tried writing a song".

#### JUGS

The song which they wrote was 'Brother Brother' and it was released as their first single in June 1983 under the band's hurriedly chosen name The Kane Gang.

"It wasn't bad for a first attempt", admitted Paul. But their contractual obligations meant that they still had another three singles to record. By the time the second, 'Smalltown Creed' had been released in April 1984, the unlikely threesome were begining to enjoy life in the music business.



Dave, Paul and Martin. INSET- Smoked glass saucepan set with pouring lip and glazed ceramic handle and lid.

#### **PLATES**

"By the time we recorded our third single, 'Closest Thing To Heaven', we were begining to have fun", Martin explained. "Dave was turning out to be quite a good musician, and Paul and I were doing all the singing."

#### **BASINS**

Indeed, 'Closest Thing To lleaven' was a number 12 hit for the group in the UK, and they were soon making their debut on Top Of The Pops. And they expect their fourth single to do even better!

### **PYREX**

However the release of 'Respect Yourself' means that the groups contractual obligations have been fulfilled. Asked about their plsns for the future, bave Brewis was unsure. "I'm not sure", he told us. "We may just go back to Sunderland and try to lead normal lives again. But then sgain, we've enjoyed making records and we may stick at it for a while yet".

#### **GRAVY BOAT**

But Martin Brammer has no doubts about his immediate plans: "With all this money I've made at last I'll be able to buy some casserole dishes", he announced. "But this time I'll be more careful before signing anything".

## UNLUCKY ADA

Ada Wilson is surely the most unlucky pop singer/songwriter in Wakefield. For despite over 20 years in the music business he is still no nearer to having a hit than he was on the day he started.

"I began in 1962 playing at The Cavern Club in Liverpool. Things were going well until I was suddenly kicked out to make room for The Beatles. At first they had asked me to join them, but I missed a bus on the way to the audition and Paul McCartney got the job instead".

## SONGS

Ada spent the rest of the sixties writing new songs.
"In one week I wrote 'Walk On By', 'McArthur Park', 'Yesterday' and 'California Dreaming', but I left them all on a bus. Someone must have found them and ripped them all off".

## **PUNK**

By the turn of the decade a frustrated Ada had decided to invent 'punk rock'. "I formed a band called The Sex Guns in 1972 and we released a single called



'Anarchy in Great Britain'. Nothing happened, and eventually we disbanded in 1976, two days before the punk explosion".

## RELAX

In 1983 Ada sent a demo tape of a song he'd written called 'Relax' to producer Trevor Horn.

"He didn't reply, but I knew he'd got the tape 'cos the next day Frankie Goes To Hollywood recorded the song and it was a big No.1"

## SINGLE

Ada recently re-recorded 'In The Quiet Of My Room', a single he first released in 1980. The record is available in the shops on the Thin Sliced label, cat. no. TSR5. And he plans to follow it up with his own version of 'Nathan Jones', a song which he wrote himself, but which was stolen during a burglary on his flat in the sixties, and was recorded by The Supremes shortly afterwards.



## ARE SPANDAU BALLET SOFT?

The `tough guys' who drink shandy

## **EXCLUSIVE**

On their record sleeves they look butch. On their videos they look macho. But we can reveal that behind the 'tough guys' image, SPANDAU BALLET are prohably the softest band in Britain; unable to drink a lot, and almost totally disinterested in women.

#### TOUR

We caught up with the band on their recent UK tour and we put it to lead singer Tony Hadley that he eouldn't take his drink.



Predictably he refused to comment. Indeed, all our accusations were greeted by a stony silence from the band.

#### HOTEL

However, when we spoke to staff at the hotel where the group were staying, our suspicions were confirmed. We were told how the band had:

- Drank shandy at the bar.
- Gone to bed at 11.00pm.
- Not taken any girls up to their rooms.
- Done no dammage in the hotel.

And a chambermaid, who

prefered to remain anonymous, elaimed that ashtrays provided for the band had been left untouched.

#### RING

When we rang the group's record company in London a spokesman said it was a bad line and that he would ring us back. But he didn't.

## **PET SOUNDS**RECORDS AND TAPES

THE NEXT **SMART ARSE** WHO ASKS IF WE SELL SINGING HAMPSTERS' GETS HIS HEAD

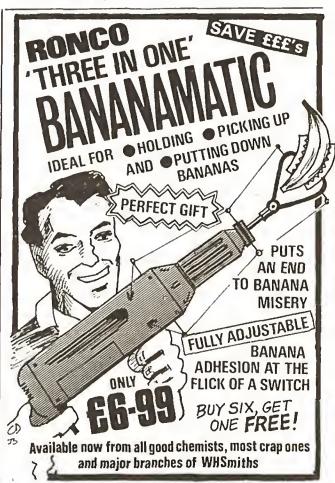


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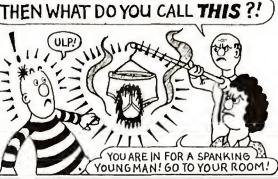


















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